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TO:

Interested Individuals and Organizations

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Workshop on Establishing Objectives for Bay-Delta Solutions

On August 3rd, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program conducted the first public workshop leading to development of a long-term, coordinated solution for the Bay-Delta. More than 100 people joined us to discuss the problems in the Bay-Delta system, contributing to a successful start to this important effort.

Please join us at our second workshop on September 14. We will be completing our discussions on the problem definition and developing a set of objectives to guide development and evaluation of potential solutions. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 2200 Harvard Street, in Sacramento.

This workshop is entitled *Establishing Objectives*, and will focus on developing objectives from the listing of problems identified in Workshop 1 and augmented by the Program staff. The objectives developed in this workshop will be used as the basis for subsequent steps in our process, including identification of solution actions and measures to evaluate the performance of solution actions.

This information packet includes a preliminary workshop agenda and description of workshop activities. It also provides a comprehensive listing of problems discussed in Workshop 1 or identified by program staff. Finally, we have included a preliminary listing of objectives for each of the four main problem areas in the Bay-Delta system (ecosystem quality, water quality, reliability of water supply, and vulnerability of Delta functions). These materials will help you prepare for effective and constructive participation in the workshop.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program will continue to host public workshops periodically through next spring to obtain public and stakeholder input as we develop solution alternatives and evaluate the effectiveness of those alternatives. These workshops are a vital part of the program, providing an opportunity for the estuary's many different interests to share perspectives, reach common understandings, and develop cooperative solution alternatives.

Developing an integrated solution to managing the Bay-Delta system requires coordinated planning and innovative thinking. It is imperative that we collaborate to develop realistic, measurable objectives for achieving a successful and lasting solution. On behalf of CALFED and its member agencies, thank you for participating, and I look forward to seeing you at the second workshop. If you are unable to attend, please provide us with your written comments on the enclosed information by September 15. We look forward to your participation.

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